

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application and entry of this amendment are respectfully requested. Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 13, 14 and 58 to 69 are currently pending, and no claims have been amended.

The Office Action mailed May 3, 2004 addressed claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 13, 14 and 58 to 69. Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 13, 14 and 58 to 69 were rejected.

Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 13, 14 and 58 to 69 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 49 and 1 and 36 of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,984,806 and 6,261,193 respectively. The Examiner stated that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, in an effort to hasten prosecution, Applicants herein submit a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent granting from the instant application, as required under MPEP § 1490. Applicants respectfully submit that this overcomes the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of each of the presently rejected claims, claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 13, 14 and 58 to 69. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 13, 14 and 58 to 69, the claims currently pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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